ELGIN CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

ELGIN COMMUNITY CENTER — APRIL 8, 1997

CALL TO ORDER 7:00 pm

APPROVE THE MINUTES of MARCH 11, 1997

SUPERVISORS REPORTS

Police	Dayton Sibley
Public works	Kyle Boylen
Library	Sandra Good
Fire	Pat McDonald
Ambulance	Merle Laci
Municipal court	Ralph Howell
Recorder	Joe Garlitz

CITIZENS TO SPEAK

Rich Cason, request to build in abandoned right-of-way.
Gary Tate, La Grande Lions Club

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration: Councilors Cooper and Stover
Public Works: Councilors McMullen and Churchill
Public Safety: Councilors Short and Bennett

OLD BUSINESS

EHS government class: Curfew amendment
Roger Wilder, GRH: proposed rates for dual dispatch

NEW BUSINESS

Regional Service Institute (RSI): Un Co Growth Management Plan
"McGillicuddy City" ??
Eveson Snyder, et al: Annual Audit proposal
Engineering Proposal, Hunaha Park
Project Management Proposals, Hunaha Park
Resolution 1027, Election to receive State revenues
Proclamation, Children's week

CORRESPONDENCE

CCIN: Insurance refund, $11,065.49

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Approve bills

ADJOURN

CITY of ELGIN

COUNCIL MINUTES FOR APRIL 8, 1997

COUNCILORS PRESENT- Kevin Cooper
Pat McMullen
Berta Churchill
Misty Bennett
Leroy Short
Rick Smith - Mayor

ABSENT- John Stover

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Mayor Rick Smith.

Approval of Minutes
The Mayor called for approval of the minutes of the meeting of March 11, 1997. Councilor McMullen moved to approve the minutes of March 11, 1997 as presented with Councilor Short as second. The vote was unanimous to approve; motion carried.

Supervisors Reports
The Mayor called for the supervisors reports.

Police- Chief Sibley reported that he and Councilors Short and Bennett had reviewed the impound/towing proposals received. He also reported he had met with the High School government class regarding amendments to the curfew ordinance.

Public works- Kyle Boylen; absent, no report.

Library- Sandra Good reported that the preliminary work for the LSCA grant is going slow. It doesn't appear that the library will meet the projected deadline. She reported that the other libraries were also having trouble meeting the deadline. We have not yet received a response to the amendments to the contract with EOSC for the grant activities, approved by the Council.

Fire- Chief McDonald reported that they have already had one call-out for a grass fire. He also reported that OFIA will have a training event in Joseph in April. There will be a number of fire agencies traveling through Elgin for this event.

Ambulance- Merle Laci; absent, no report

Municipal Court- Ralph Howell noted that the March court report had been distributed to the Councilors. He informed the Council that he was no longer suspending the first offence for dog at large. Too many persons were being lax in this regard and he will fine them $25

for the first violation hence forth. Judge Howell stated that he had talked with the D.A. about the hearing procedure for the impound/forfeiture ordinance. He reported that the D.A. will handle hearings regarding forfeitures. Judge Howell will hold an evidentiary hearing if requested, for impoundments.

Recorder/Administrator- Joe Garlitz said that there will be a telecommunications meeting on Thursday. The meeting is for government agencies to discuss their telecommunications needs. He also reported the Chamber of Commerce round table discussion went well. There were visitors from Island City, La Grande, Union and North Powder. Mr. Garlitz noted that the first budget committee meeting will be on April 29.

Citizens to Speak

Albany 9/6

Rich Cason was present to request permission of the Council to build a storage shed (pole frame) in the right-of-way of ~~Alder~~ Elm where it dead-ends into the river. This portion of the street has been abandoned for over 40 years and would only serve Mr. Cason's property. The property is located in the R-2, low density residential zone. The structure would not encroach on any property not already being used by Mr. Cason. Councilor Cooper is the only affected neighbor. He stated that it would not affect him and he had no objection to the request. After discussion, Councilor Churchill moved to approve Mr. Cason's request to use the right-of-way as described, with Councilor Cooper as second. The vote was unanimous for approve, motion carried.

Gary Tate of the Island City Lions Club was present. He introduced Tim Riordan of Lions Club International. Mr. Riordan explained the mission of the Lions and stated that he and the Island City Club would gladly support formation of a Lions Club in Elgin.

Committee Reports

The Mayor then called for the committee reports.

Administration: Councilor Cooper reported that the bills had been reviewed.

Public Works: Councilor McMullen asked about the resolution to the location of the fence Mr. Trump built on/in 4th Street. Mr. Garlitz stated that Olga Grant had just completed a survey of her property that would allow a proper measurement of the Street location. That will be done soon.

Public Safety: Councilors Short and Bennett reported that after review of the proposals for towing and impounding vehicles to implement Ordinance 116, they recommend that the Council accept the proposal submitted by Captain Hook Towing of La Grande. They recommended that the $50 impound fees be placed in a special fund for police equipment. Paul McKaig explain that when a vehicle is impounded there would be a $50 impound fee assessed by the City, a $50 towing fee and a $10/day storage fee that would go to Captain Hook. Councilor McMullen moved to accept the proposal submitted by Captain Hook Towing for implementing Ordinance 116, with Councilor Churchill as second. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Lee McDonald asked about the status of getting house numbers corrected. He said that it has been over a year since they were to be corrected. Chief Sibley stated that the Council had put the job on the police department but they haven't had the time to do it. He said it might be something that someone else should take over because they just didn't have the time. Councilor Bennett asked what needed to be done. Mr. Garlitz said that a map of the current house numbers needs to be made, then the address can be reviewed and corrected. Councilor Bennett offered to help compile the addresses. Officer Curry said that was what he was doing, stating that he has just about got it done. Chief Sibley said it might be something the reserves could do. Mayor Smith asked if that was something he could make happen. Chief Sibley said yes. Mayor Smith responded, please do.

Councilor Bennett asked about painting the crosswalks at the school. That will be done when the weather will permit.

Old Business

EHS government class: Curfew amendment

Elgin High School government class presented a draft change to the curfew ordinance. Angie Schumacher presented the draft. The draft proposed to change section 9.24.020 of the City Code to allow extended curfew hours, midnight to 4 am, on nights preceding no-school days (holidays and summer) for 16 and 17 year-olds; and to change section 9.24.010 to allow guardians accompanying minors to be of age 18 rather than 21.

Chief Sibley stated that he had concerns about lowering the guardian age to 18. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to proceed to change the code to allow extension of the curfew on nights preceding no-school days, but not to lower the guardian age. Councilor Short moved to accept the presentation of the draft as a first reading of the ordinance change, with Councilor Cooper as second. As a point of clarification, it was noted that the change being considered was for a trial period and would sunset unless extended by the Council; furthermore it was just in consideration of the no-school day extension. The vote was unanimous in favor, motion carried.

Roger Wilder, GRH: proposed rates for dual dispatch

Roger Wilder of the Grande Ronde Hospital was present to request a change in the billing procedure for dual dispatch/response incidents with the Elgin Ambulance service and the GRH ambulance. Mr. Wilder stated that currently the Hospital pays Elgin 100% of the billed amount. He said that it was not practical to pay the 90% of the billed amount as the current agreement sets out. He stated that GRH is loosing about 43% of what it costs to provide service in the dual dispatch situations.

Mr. Garlitz presented the Elgin Ambulance billing information for the Council. This indicates that Elgin Ambulance too is loosing about 42% of the cost of these runs. GRH is proposing to pay Elgin a flat $150 for each dual service run. The average amount billed to GRH for dual dispatch runs is $245.75. The average payment by GRH is 221.18. The amount offered by GRH is $71.18 less than is now being paid, a 32% reduction.

Councilor Cooper asked Mr. Wilder why Elgin would want to consider such an offer. Mr. Widler responded that you probably wouldn't; but the nature of the health care business is a continued forced reduction in payments by the State for medical care.

Mr. Garlitz asked how such a reduction in payments to Elgin would help either Elgin or GRH, since the mutual aid agreement only allowed GRH to bill the patient, on behalf of Elgin, for the amount bill by Elgin. Mr. Wilder stated that the mutual aid agreement was to be redrafted to provide that GRH would bill for services at their rates. At this point the matter was tabled so the Council could discuss it with the EMTs.

New Business

Regional Service Institute (RSI): Un Co Growth Management Plan

Dan Stark and Jennie Tucker of the Regional Service Institute of EOSU were present to outline of a survey they are doing regarding the needs of Union County for economic development. They provided a handout showing the elements of the survey, and asked the Councilors to suggest any changes they thought might be needed.

"McGillicuddy City": Mr. Garlitz presented an article published recently offering a community willing to change its name to McGillicuddy City, $100,000. The Council took the information for future consideration.

Eveson, Snyder, et al: Annual Audit proposal

Eveson, Snyder, et.al. has submitted a proposal to perform the City's annual audit for 1996/1997; the amount of the proposal being $4,505. After discussion, Councilor Churchill moved to accept the proposal from Eveson, Snyder, et.al. as presented, with Councilor Cooper as second. The vote was unanimous for approval, motion carried.

Engineering Proposal, Hunaha Park

Elgin 2010 has solicited proposals from consulting engineers for the design of the Hunaha RV Park. Only one proposal was submitted. After review the 2010 committee is recommending that the Council approve the proposal of McKee Engineering of La Grande. The proposal is made by Rod McKee teamed with Anderson, Perry & Assoc. Mr. McKee will be the contracting engineer, with A&P as sub-contractors. After discussion, Councilor Churchill moved to accept the proposal from McKee engineering for the Hunaha Park design, with Councilor McMullen as second. The vote was unanimous for approval, motion carried.

Project Management Proposals, Hunaha Park

Elgin 2010 has requested proposals for a project manager for the Hunaha Park project. Two proposals were received and are being considered. The 2010 committee will be interviewing an applicant from out of the area and thus is not ready to make a recommendation at this time.

Resolution 1027, Election to receive State revenues

The State requires taxing bodies to pass a resolution requesting State Shared Revenues and certifying that the body has held public hearings in regard to the use of the funds. Councilor McMullen moved to approve Resolution 1027, electing to receive State revenues as presented, with Councilor Cooper as second. The vote was unanimous in favor, motion carried.

Proclamation, Children's week

A proclamation declaring the week of April 27 through May 3, 1997 as Union County Children's Week was presented. Councilor Cooper moved to adopt the proclamation as presented, with Councilor McMullen as second. The vote was unanimous in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

CCIN: Insurance refund of $11,065.49 was duly noted

Good of the Order

Arnie Krause was present requesting the approval of the renewal of his wrecking license. Councilor Churchill moved to approve the application renewal, with Councilor Short as second. The vote was unanimous in favor, motion carried.

Councilor McMullen moved to approve the bills as presented, with Councilor Cooper as second. The vote was unanimous in favor, motion carried.

Councilor McMullen moved to adjourn, with Councilor Churchill as second. The vote was unanimous in favor, motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted;

Joe Garlitz,
Recorder/Administrator